

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 351

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Janice Bridges upon being recognized by the University of Tennessee for her outstanding contributions to Nutrition Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and civic leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Janice Bridges is one such noteworthy person who was recently honored by the University of Tennessee for her outstanding work in Lewis County with the Tennessee Nutrition and Consumer Education Program (TNCEP); and

WHEREAS, TNCEP is a nutrition education program that teaches Tennessee families how to select and prepare nutritionally adequate diets and empowers these families to become fully self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges received this prestigious honor from the Tennessee Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at the annual conference in Jackson on March 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Janice Bridges has worked assiduously with the program for more than nine years; she currently serves as a University of Tennessee Extension/ TNCEP Assistant, partnering with more than seventy-five individuals and businesses to carry out a highly effective nutrition program in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, her influence has only been strengthened by her exceptional ability to build community partnerships with individuals, organizations, and agencies; these partners provide client referrals, team teaching, meeting space, coalition partnerships, food demonstration

supplies, equipment, and donations for supplemental resources that enable TNCEP to function successfully; and

WHEREAS, due to the outstanding leadership abilities of Janice Bridges, the Lewis County TNCEP ranked seventh in the State of Tennessee for in-kind contributions from program partners in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Bridges directly communicated with more than 16,500 contacts in nutrition education; through radio, newspapers, newsletters, flyers, fact sheets, pamphlets, community events, fairs, and exhibits, she communicated indirectly with more than 35,000 people; and

WHEREAS, implementing an aggressive and successful social marketing campaign, Janice Bridges continually emphasizes two key messages to help educate Tennessee families: be physically active and eat five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables daily; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her commendable leadership as a UT Extension/TNCEP Program Assistant, Ms. Bridges also works with and oversees a variety of nutrition programs for pre-k through third grade students in Lewis County; she also works with fourth through sixth grade 4-H students; and

WHEREAS, Janice Bridges truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated professional leader who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality nutrition education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her outstanding work in Lewis County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Janice Bridges upon being recently honored by the University of Tennessee for her outstanding work in Lewis County with the Tennessee Nutrition and Consumer Education Program, thank her for her meritorious contributions in providing nutrition education for Tennessee families, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.